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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: South China/North Vietnam Photographic
Reconnaissance, 19-20 July 1967

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. On 19 and 20 July 1967, three photographic ☐ reconnaissance sorties were flown by Agency A-12 and U-2 aircraft over South China and North Vietnam territory. These were A-12 missions BX6709 (19 July Zulu) and BX6710 (20 July Zulu) and U-2 mission C237C (20 July Zulu). The first of the sorties (BX6709) entered denied territory at 0424Z/19 July and the last of the sorties (C237C) exited denied area at 0632Z/20 July, a total elapsed time of only 26 hours and 08 minutes from first entry to last exit.
3. Some rather significant accomplishments I believe of interest to you were achieved in this short span of time.
 - a. First back-to-back A-12 sorties.
 - b. First simultaneous overflight by A-12 and U-2 aircraft.
 - c. Approximately 58,000 square miles of 1.0 to 3.0 feet resolution photography completed.
 - d. Priority SSM Targets NVN photographed - 9
 - e. COMOR Targets in NVN photographed - 33
 - f. Priority I China COMOR Targets covered - 12
 - g. Priority II China COMOR Targets covered - 6
 - h. Other China COMOR Targets covered - 14
 - i. NVN SAM Sites photographed - 186

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j. NVN Sam Sites determined occupied - 16

k. New SAM Sites identified NVN - 6

Individual sortie statistics are reflected in the attachment.

4. In addition to the listed coverages, these sorties photographed numerous other tactical targets such as power plants, industrial complexes, rail-heads/lines, barracks areas, warehouse areas and new construction areas.

5. This is quite a dramatic demonstration of this Agency's capability to provide high-resolution wide-swath photography quickly responsive to weather patterns. In addition, it is an actual demonstration that the A-12 is the only low-vulnerability manned reconnaissance vehicle capable of providing such photography over a SAM-defended area.

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Attachment - 1
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| MSN # | PRIORITY 1 COMOR TGTS COVERED | PRIORITY 2 COMOR TGTS COVERED | OTHER COMOR TGTS COVERED | SAM SITES COVERED NVN | SAM SITES OCCUPIED NVN | NEW SAM SITES IDENTIFIED NVN | SQ. MILES OF PHOTOGRAPHY * | SSM PRIORITY TARGETS |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>NORTH VIETNAM</u> | | | | | | | | |
| BX6709 (A-12) | 12 | 0 | 9 | 166 | 12 | 4 | 17,960 | 5 |
| BX6710 (A-12) | 9 (4 dupl) | 0 | 9 (2 dupl) | 80 (60 dupl) | 5 (1 dupl) | 2 | 18,070 | 7 (3 dupl) |
| <u>CHINA</u> | | | | | | | | |
| C237C (U-2) | 12 | 6 | 14 | | | | 21,475 | |
| TOTALS | 29 | 6 | 30 | 186 | 16 | 6 | 57,505 | |

* Refers to coverage of denied areas only. Total cloud-free coverage not available.

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